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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURE
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is any proposal to mobilise funds for the development of Tourism sector and to establish a Tourism Development Fund;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this sregard?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The objective of the Tourism Development Funds is to provide assistance to bridge critical gaps in tourism development which cannot be funded through normal Government budgetary grants. The assets of funds shall include a contribution from the Department of Tourism as initial corpus. The funds can also accept contributions from statutory bodies. The United Nations, other International Organization, Private and Public Corporate Sectors, Trusts, Societies and Individuals.

(c) At this stage time cannot be indicated as other concerned Ministries are being consulted.